

THE Powerhouse by JIMMY POWERS

One Sunday afternoon in 1902, a little cigar-maker who had migrated to this country from Hungary at the turn of the century happened to take a walk through Williamsburgh. It was Spring. The sky was blue, the grass green and the air warm and soft. On a corner lot, the little cigar-maker chanced upon what was to him a strange and delightful game—baseball. Eagerly he watched its progress and at its conclusion he walked up to the winners, a ragged group of shining-eyed youngsters, and said: "Kids, you need some balls and sticks and uniforms. I buy you plenty."

And that was Max Rosner's debut in baseball. He backed a lot of teams through the years, often at no personal profit, but he grew fond of the sport and soon he found himself the owner of a little semi-pro club on Jamaica Avenue in Woodhaven. Today that "little" club has grown into the fourth most important baseball team in the largest city in the country—the Bushwicks. Last year Max Rosner's Bushwicks drew 250,000 paid admissions.



The little cigar-maker is proud of his plant—Dexter Park. You can hide the Polo Grounds or Ebbets Field in one corner of its ten acres. It measures 304 feet to the right field fence, 431 feet to the center field wall, and 418 feet to the left field corner. Since 1913 the park has grown 15 times its original size, but the original admission price of 50 cents for the grandstand and 30 cents for the bleachers has never changed. Not even when attractions like Babe Ruth, Dizzy Dean, Carl Hubbell and others have come to the modern, up-to-the-minute steel and concrete park with the latest lighting system.

Ten years ago the first night baseball game in New York City was played at Dexter Park. Even the Giants reluctantly played under lights for Max and Pitcher Roy Parmelee beat the Bushwicks, 5-3, before 18,000.

"Can the Bushwicks beat a major league team?" This is the question often asked Max and he just grins and points to his roster which includes many men who could step into AA teams but who can make more money holding jobs in New York and playing for the Bushwicks "on the side."

"What was the biggest thrill your team ever gave you?" Max chuckles and proudly tells you: "The day we beat the 1916 Brooklyn Dodgers—and did old Charley Ebbets burn up!"

Each Sunday the Bushwicks average from 10,000 to 20,000, depending on the weather. Many crack colored teams play at Dexter Park and often big leaguers drop in on barnstorming trips. One day Babe Ruth appeared at the park the morning of an exhibition. He could see no crowd and became worried about his guarantee—\$1,900. Max wrote him out a check and promptly cashed it. Babe then magnanimously waived his percentage of the gate privilege. That afternoon the neighborhood shopkeepers closed down, the butchers tucked their white aprons into their belts, the hausfraus dropped their market baskets and everyone streamed into the place. Had Ruth waited a few hours for his percentage he would have received a flat \$4,000!



Max Rosner is proud of his Dexter Park "grads." They include Joe Judge, Marius Russo, Dick Rudolph, Eddie Boland, Billy Jurgens, Jimmy Ring, Al Spohrer, Johnny Enzmann, Hank Borowy, and Hank Greenberg. All wore Bushwick uniforms before going to the big show.

Max inspires loyalty in his men. Buck Lai, the Hawaiian, played for the Bushwicks 15 years! Fred Holman, the old catcher who died only a few years back, was with the club 26 years and Joe Weiss, assistant manager and shortstop, spent 16 years there.

The greatest game ever played at the park was a battle between the Bushwicks and Smokey Joe Williams of the Royal Giants. Smokey Joe fanned 25 batters and worked 23 innings before the Bushwicks pushed over an unearned run to break the 1-1 tie!

Each year the Bushwicks come up with a club that could easily win in AA company. The team opens its season at Dexter Park Sunday against the Philadelphia Stars. Joe Press manages the Bushwicks, and he has respected Gene Rodgers at first, Al Cucinello at second, Dan McGee at shortstop and Albie Reiss on third. The outfield consists of Charley Sheerin, Solly Mishkin, Buddy Hall, and Jimmy Ashworth as utility. Pitchers have included Waite Hoyt, Stan Baumgartner and other "guest conductors." But the regular staff comprises the competent and popular Mike Meola, Jimmy Pattison, Jim Peterson, Dom Torpe and Bots Nekola. . . . Gosh, we nearly forgot that grand old troupier, the ex-Dodger and ex-Pirate catcher, Charley Hargreaves. All Charley did was lead the club in hitting last season!

Powerhouse Foreman of the Day: Herman Franks, Dodger catcher—Homer, double and two singles for a perfect day at bat.

Baseball Summaries

NATIONAL LEAGUE

YESTERDAY
NEW YORK 1, Philadelphia 0.
BROOKLYN 8, Boston 3.
Pittsburgh 3, Chicago 2.
St. Louis at Cincinnati, flood.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS			
	W.	L.	Pct.
BR'KLYN	3	0	1.000
N. YOR	1	2	.333
Cincinnati	3	0	1.000
Chicago	2	5	.286
Pittsb'gh	3	0	1.000
St. Loe	1	4	.200
Phil'phia	1	1	.500
Boston	0	2	.000

TODAY
NEW YORK at Philadelphia.
Boston at BROOKLYN (3:00).
Chicago at Pittsburgh.
St. Louis at Cincinnati, postponed, flood.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

YESTERDAY
Philadelphia 3, NEW YORK 0.
Boston 7, Washington 2.
Cleveland at St. Louis, rain.
Detroit at Chicago, rain.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Boston	4	1	.800
NEW Y'RK	2	2	.500
Cleveland	3	1	.750
St. Louis	2	3	.400
Detroit	3	2	.600
Chicago	1	3	.250
Phil'phia	3	2	.600
Washington	0	4	.000

TODAY
Philadelphia at NEW YORK (3:15).
Washington at Boston.
Cleveland at St. Louis.
Detroit at Chicago.

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

YESTERDAY
JERSEY CITY 11, Toronto 1.
Montreal 12, NEWARK 1.
Baltimore 10, Rochester 5.
Buffalo 2, Syracuse 0.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS			
	W.	L.	Pct.
J. CITY	1	0	1.000
Toronto	1	1	.500
Montreal	1	0	1.000
Buffalo	1	1	.500
Rochester	2	1	.667
NEWARK	0	2	.000
Baltimore	2	1	.667
Syracuse	0	2	.000

TODAY
Montreal at NEWARK (3:00).
Toronto at JERSEY CITY (3:15).
Rochester at Baltimore.
Buffalo at Syracuse.

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A's Blank Yankees, 3 to 0

By Jack Mahon

Loovill (Chubby) Dean, a dead-armed nobody a few seasons back, has apparently made his mission in life the riddling of the Yankees' vaunted reputation. Yesterday, before a small clientele of 7,000 citizens at the Stadium, Chubby pitched his way to his second straight triumph in a week over the champions and this time blanked them, 3-0. The young Athletic hurler held the champions to four singles in applying the first coat of whitewash to the New Yorkers this year and outpitched Bump Hadley, Marius Russo and Spud Chandler.

It is becoming increasingly apparent that Dean does not read papers or magazines. To him, the Yankees are another bunch of guys lucky enough to work in the big town. At least he certainly acts that way, for yesterday's little job give him a seasonal record of having pitched nineteen innings against the world's champions in seven days without having allowed an earned run. You may recall that it was Dean who whipped them, 2-1, in the ten-inning thriller with which the A's started off 1940.



Chubby Dean

It was an error by Benny McCoy, the A's costly second sacker, which enabled the Yankees to collect their single run that afternoon, and though Benny tried hard to aid the New York cause with another pair of misplays yesterday, Dean had too much stuff.

Yesterday's contest might have been lost on an unearned run, also, but, after a fine job, Hadley blew sky high in the ninth and the Philadelphians literally "walked off with the ball game."

In that frame, with the A's nursing a 1-0 lead and one away, Hadley walked Rubeling, Brancato and Dean in a row. Joe McCarthy signalled for Russo to take over. Marius fanned pinch-hitter Sam Chapman, but then lost his stuff and passed Moses and McCoy, forcing in the final two runs. Chandler got the dangerous Roy Johnson to sky to Keller for the final out.

The A's other run, in the sixth, came as a result of an error by Frankie Crosetti. Johnson walked to open this frame and Siebert hit to Dahlgren. Babe's throw had Johnson beat, but Frankie dropped

ATHLETICS												
	b.	av.	ab.	r.	h.	tb.	bb.	rbi.	po.	a.	e.	
Miles, cf	.000	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	
Chapman, c	.000	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Moses, rf	.176	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	
McCoy, 2b	.125	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	2	
Johnson, lf	.250	4	1	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	
Siebert, lb	.421	4	0	1	1	0	0	0	8	0	0	
Hayes, c	.143	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	4	2	0	
Rubel, g, 3b	.063	2	1	0	0	1	1	0	4	0	0	
Brancato, ss	.000	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	4	2	0	
Dean, p	.143	3	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	
Team	.172											
Totals		29	3	4	4	9	3	27	13	12		

*Including yesterday's game.

Athletics
YANKEES
Sacrifices—Rubeling, Hayes, Hadley. Left on bases—Athletics 10, Yankees 7. Russo 2. Struck out—By Dean 3, Hadley 3. In 8 1-3, Russo 0 and 0 in 1-3, Chandler 0 and 0 in 1-3. Pitcher—Dean (2-0). Losing pitcher—Hadley (0-1). Umpires—Hubbard, Rommel, Moriarty & Rue. Time—1:57. Attendance—7,000.

YANKEES												
	b.	av.	ab.	r.	h.	tb.	bb.	rbi.	po.	a.	e.	
Crosetti, ss	.313	4	0	1	1	0	0	1	5	1		
Rolfe, 3b	.176	4	0	1	1	0	0	1	3	0		
Selkirk, rf	.125	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0		
Keller, lf	.188	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0		
Dickey, c	.267	3	0	1	1	1	0	0	5	1		
Gordon, 2b	.125	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1		
Henrich, cf	.231	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0		
D'Elia, lb	.231	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	9	3		
Hadley, p	.000	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2		
Russo, p	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Chandler, p	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Team	.189											
Totals		31	0	4	4	2	0	27	15	1		

Double play—Dahlgren-Crosetti-Dahlgren. Bases on balls—Off Dean 2, Hadley 7. Off Hadley 4 and 3 runs. Wild pitch—Hadley. Winning pitcher—Hadley (0-1). Umpires—Hubbard, Rommel, Moriarty & Rue. Time—1:57. Attendance—7,000.

the pill and both runners were safe. Hayes' sacrifice moved them along and Rubel's single to Selkirk brought in Johnson. Brancato flied out, ending the inning.

Hadley, except for occasional streaks of wildness (he walked seven in eight and one third in the ninth) pitched creditably in his first start but Dean was really torrid.

Chubby, who was discovered in his first term at Duke University, did not like to pitch there and when he came up with the A's a few years back, was tried in the outfield and infield because of his better-than-average batting ability. He was a flop as a fielder and returned to the mound.

Yesterday he allowed only one man to pass second. That was Dickey, who singled with one out in the second, took second when Henrich walked and got to third as Dahlgren forced Tommy at second. Dean then tossed out Hadley for the final out and the Yankees' only serious gesture was a thing of the past.

DIAMOND DUST: Jake Powell arrived from Nashville yesterday, but will be confined to his hotel room till released by Dr. Robert E. Walsh, club physician. Dr. Walsh is expected to have a couple of medicos assist in examining Jake's

injured skull. He was hurt in one of the first fruit League exhibitions. Dean was first hurler to blank Yankees since last June 4, when Tommy Bridges shut them out in Detroit. . . . Frankie Crosetti more than made amends for his one misplay, going behind Rolfe to share a liner that blasted off Red's arm to toss out Hayes in ninth. . . . At a late hour last night we were still unable to substantiate rumor that Connie Mack doesn't have to flick his famed scorecard once when Dean faces the Yankees. Probably a "Philadelphia story."

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